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counter coup of 1 October.)

1. The countercoup group had two alternative operational plans:
 - a. Luang Pibul, General Phin, Luang Kach, General Phao, Colonel Khun Chamnong Phumiwet and others were to be seized and forced to sign various orders which the countercoup group wished to issue during the early stages of the coup. The Anti-Aircraft Corps was to be swung over to support of the countercoup through the influence of Lieutenant General Luang Chit Mansin Sinat Yotharak and various subverted Anti-Aircraft Corps officers. In addition, violent threats were to be used against certain key corps officers, if necessary. Troops were to be ordered from Udon to Bangkok, and subsequently the Nakhon Sawan troops were to be used in counter- ing the Lopburi garrison, while officers were being dispatched to Lopburi to swing the garrison over to the countercoup side.
 - b. The second plan centered about the seizure of all the cabinet ministers. However, it was thought that this would result in considerably more bloodshed. Coup plans were considerably delayed as a result of extended discussions of this possibility and arguments between the exponents of the two different plans.
2. It had been tentatively planned to build a new government around the following ministers of state: Luang Chit Mansin Sinat as Prime Minister; Nai Khuang Abhaiwong as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior; Nai Tawi Bunyaket as Minister of Agriculture; Nai Direk Jaiyanama as Minister of Foreign Affairs; Nai Prapat Wathanasan, Lord Mayor of Bangkok, as Deputy Minister of Interior; and Pralat (full name not given), of the Privy Purse Bureau, as Deputy Minister of Finance.
3. Nai Khuang Abhaiwong had been under surveillance prior to the abortive countercoup. There was a police guard at his house, and his movements and visitors had been reported to the police daily. There was no apparent connection between him and countercoup leaders. Nai Tawi and Nai Direk were taken into custody as they had not been under surveillance.

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